

CCS Health & Safety Grants

Frequently Asked Questions & Clarifications



- **What are the Child Care Services (CCS) Health & Safety Grants?**

- The CCS Health & Safety Grants are grants given to licensed child care programs to purchase equipment and materials that will support compliance with health and safety rules and regulations. Funding for these grants has been allocated for \$80 million and made available through the American Rescue Plan Act.

- **Who is eligible to receive the Health & Safety Grants?**

- All open, operating, and licensed Child Care Learning Centers (CCLCs) and Family Child Care Learning Homes (FCCLHs) who are currently serving children are eligible to receive these grants.

- **How much money can I get?**

- Grant awards are being issued on a sliding scale based on the program's licensed capacity, ranging in amounts from \$5,000 - \$40,000.

- **What is the timeline for the Health & Safety Grants? When must the money be spent?**

- The Health & Safety Grants will be rolled out in two waves:
 - **March 20, 2023 – September 30, 2023** – grants will be awarded to FCCLHs & CCLCs with a licensed capacity up to 100. All money must be spent by September 30, 2023.
 - **October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024** – grants will be awarded to CCLCs with a licensed capacity of 101+ and school age programs operating in public school buildings. All money must be spent by March 31, 2024.
 - Due to additional discussions and planning that may need to occur between programs utilizing public school space and those entities on how funding can best be utilized and spent, all school age programs housed in public school buildings (regardless of licensed capacity) are being deferred to the second wave.

- **Is there an application I have to complete to apply for these?**

- No application is required. All licensed programs are automatically eligible during the time frames indicated above. All you have to do is log in and create a ClassWallet account. ClassWallet will be sending an email to the email address that is associated with your DECAL KOALA account.

- **How can the Health & Safety Grants be accessed?**

- Funds can be accessed and must be spent through an on-line platform owned and operated by a third-party vendor doing business as ClassWallet. Purchases must be made from DECAL approved vendors within the ClassWallet platform either through the E-Commerce Market Place or Direct Pay Vendors.

- **How do I register for a ClassWallet account?**

- To begin, go to www.classwallet.com. You must log in and activate the account online within 30 calendar days of the day the account was first funded. After activating the account, you must complete the DECAL Acknowledgement and Agreement Affidavit electronically through ClassWallet.

- **What can I buy/not buy with these Health & Safety Grants?**

- All items that are purchased with the Health & Safety Grants must be equipment and materials that will support compliance with health and safety rules and regulations. A list of allowable/disallowable purchases can be found at: <https://www.dec.state.ga.us/documents/attachments/Allowable-DisallowableHealth&SafetyGrantList.pdf>
- **All items purchased in the “Other” category or items submitted for purchase that are not on the approved list will be reviewed for approval.**
- The Health & Safety Grants may be used to cover all costs of the purchase, including taxes and shipping.
- A signed affidavit is required to acknowledge that all items obtained with the Grant funds will only be purchased from the ecommerce marketplace or vendor approved list within ClassWallet and will be used for the benefit of the Center or Home exclusively and will not be used for any non-allowable purpose; as well as acknowledging that the Center or Home may be required to repay any or all of the Grant funds not used to purchase equipment or materials for the benefit of the Center or Home.

- **Who do I contact for questions regarding the Health & Safety Grants?**

- Information regarding the Health & Safety Grants can be found on DECAL’s website at: [Child Care Services Health & Safety Grants \(ga.gov\)](http://www.dec.state.ga.us/Child_Care_Services/Health_Safety_Grants)
- General questions regarding the Health & Safety Grants can be sent to: CCSHealthSafetyGrants@dec.state.ga.us
- Questions regarding the ClassWallet platform can be sent to: help@classwallet.com
ClassWallet Support can be reached at (877) 969-5536, Monday – Friday: 8 AM to 8 PM EST and Saturday: 10 AM to 4 PM EST or start a live chat or view Knowledgebase at: <https://kleo.force.com/classwallet/s/>